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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response in connection with the Notice of Appeal filed on August 15, 2002 for one month from October 15, 2002 to November 15, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$110.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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